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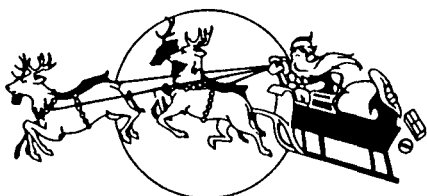
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This is Calpeek's 44th issue for 1997 - meaning it's our last newsletter of the year. We'll be on X-Mas vacation for the next 3 weeks, but will be back at work on Dec. 26th, preparing our Jan. 5, 1998 newsletter. We'll go to press with Vol. XX #1 on Dec. 29 or 30 and will mail Calpeek on Friday, Jan. 2nd. Here's wishing all Calpeek readers a very joyous, happy and safe holiday season...



CALPEEK's 1997 REVIEW: WHO'S HOT, WHO'S NOT.

Editor's note: We'll end the year with one of your favorite columns --- *Who's Hot & Who's Not*. There is nothing objective about this column. Thanks to those unnamed sources who helped **Calpeek** with this year's list. Now sit back and enjoy, scream or weep...

● *A Star Who Won't Make Up Her Mind* - U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein(D)...

● *Stardom for Sale* - Is *deep pocketed* businessman Al Checchi a Demo version of Michael Huffington or is he the real thing???

● *A Club Deluxe or Poorboy???* - CA Lt. Gov. Gray Davis(D) wants to be governor, but some think he'll get *sandwiched* between DiFi & Mr. *Checkbook*...

● *Mr. Lucky* - CA Attorney General Dan Lungren, GOP candidate for governor, is *lucky* he doesn't have a serious primary opponent...

● *A Star Who Blew It* - CA Gov. Pete Wilson's 1996 ill-advised presidential run sent him on a downward and *rightward* slide that hasn't stopped...

● *Best Dressed Star* - S.F. Mayor Willie Brown Jr...

● *Continuing Class Act* - L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan...

● *Stardom Depends on '98* - U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer(D) is still in DiFi's shadow, but she'll make the A-List if she wins reelection in '98...

● *Wants to be a Star(badly)* - Calif. Treasurer Matt Fong, GOP candidates for U.S. Senate...

● *Keep Your Day Job* - San Diego Mayor Susan Golding's support for that stadium deal threatens to turn her into *Boxer-lite* and trash her GOP Senate bid...

● *Ready for Prime Time??* - *Deep pocketed* San Diego businessman Darrell Issa, GOP U.S. Senate candidate. He's *alarming*...

● *The Phoenix Award* - He's *bacckkkk*. Former CA Gov. Jerry Brown is running for mayor of Oakland in '98. *What next!!!*

● *Twinkle Twinkle* - U.S. Rep. Jane Harman(D-Torrance); San Jose Mayor Susan Hammer; State Sen. Jim Brulte(R-Rancho Cucamonga)...

● *Batman & Robin* - Demo Assembly Majority Leader Antonio Villaraigosa and Assemblyman Bob Hertzberg(D)...

● *Waiting In the Wings* - State Sen. Jack O'Connell (D-Santa Barbara); former CDP Chair Phil Angelides; Sacto businessman & Prop. 209 Chair Ward Connerly; and San Mateo Co. Sup. Ruben Barreles(R)...

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● ***Surprised to be a Star*** - Freshman U.S. Rep. Loretta Sanchez(D-Orange Co.)...

● ***Time to pack up & go away*** - Former Congressman Bob Dornan(R), who still can't believe that a woman defeated him --- and a Latina at that!!!

● ***Had Star Potential, but got bored*** - GOP State Senate leader Rob Hurr of Orange Co...

● ***Beavis & Butt-head Award*** - To S.F. Co. Sup. Tom Ammiano and L.A. Councilman Nate Holden...

● ***The 208 Fool Award*** - Co-winners: to Common Cause(aka *Common Curse*) and Tony Miller...

● ***Party Animal Award*** - To S.F. consultant Jack Davis. P.S. No more *golden showers*, please...

● ***Folks Who Will Be Missed*** - John Babcock, Paul Clarke, Allen E. Tebbetts, Larry Margolis, Katherine MacDonald, Herb Caen, Elizabeth Gatov, Alan C. Nelson, Louis Heine, Don Muir, Frank Fat, Helen Bernstein, Leo Paoli, Margaret Brock, Calvin Hamilton, Henry Salvatori, Joseph F. Holt, R. Eugene Lokey, William F. Czuleger, Robert L. Leggett, Arthur H. Bronson, Gary Bamberg, William Lammers, Phil Soto, Cecil F. Poole, Shirley Filiatrault, and Leonard M. Rosengarten. R.I.P...

CA INITIATIVE UPDATE: FIVE MORE MEASURES HIT THE STREETS IN AN EFFORT TO QUALIFY FOR 1998.

Editor's note: As of Nov. 27th, there were 27 initiatives on the street; 25 pending at the AG's office for title & summary; two(2) awaiting signature verification; and 7 on the June '98 ballot. Here's a brief update on the new measures in circulation...

◆ ***Elections. Term Limits Declarations for congressional candidates*** is the official title of this statute by Sally Reed Impastato of *Californians for a Citizen Congress*. ☎(310)458-1405. Deadline for collecting signatures is April 17th...

◆ ***Arms and Ammunition. Unrestricted Personal Possession and Use*** is the official title of this constitutional amendment by Nicholas Fitzgerald of Panorama City. No ☎. Deadline for signatures is April 17th...

◆ ***Taxes. Enforcement. Limitations*** is the official title of this statute by Thomas Lomax of S.F. No ☎. Deadline for signatures is April 17th...

◆ ***Prohibition on Slaughter of Horse and Sale of Horsemeat for Human Consumption*** is the official title of this statute by Cathleen Doyle (818)771-0702 and Sherry DeBoer (510)831-8568. The deadline for signatures is April 20th...

◆ ***Elimination of Fluoridation from Public Water Systems*** is the official title of this statute by Helena Biava of Yucca Valley. No ☎. The deadline for signatures is April 20th...

22nd CD UPDATE: 6 CANDIDATES SET FOR SPECIAL.

Editor's note: The field is now set for a Jan. 13th special election to replace the late Walter Capps(D-Santa Barbara). Here's our brief update & analysis...

... The big news is that former Santa Barbara Co. Sup. Mike Stoker has ***dropped out*** of the special. But there are still three(3) candidates on the GOP side: Assemblymen Tom Bordonaro from San Luis Obispo Co. and Brooks Firestone of Santa Barbara, plus a Robert Lovgren of Santa Barbara. Mrs. Lois Capps, the late congressman's widow, is the lone Demo. There are two(2) Libertarian Party candidates as well...

...Does Stoker's decision help Firestone or Bordonaro? *Conventional wisdom* is that it helps Firestone, because Stoker & Firestone are from the same geographical part of the 22nd CD and were both vying for that same moderate-to-traditional GOP vote. But remember this: Stoker's old supervisorial district ran into Santa Maria, which is represented by Bordonaro. FYI: Stoker was at a Firestone event this past week featuring former Pres. Jerry Ford. He was invited on stage, where he pledged *neutrality* in the upcoming primary. That's not exactly what Firestone wanted to hear...

...If you're into *number crunching*, 65% of the GOP vote in the 22nd CD is within Bordonaro's 33rd AD, while only 35% lies within Firestone's 35th AD. In order for Firestone to close the gap with Bordonaro, he must win Demo and independent votes. Sources think it is *unlikely* that many Demos will defect from Capps for Firestone...

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The all-new, 1997-98 sixth edition of **Calpeek's Directory of Campaign Consultants** is hot off the press and is ready for sale. Cost for **Calpeek** subscribers is just \$15. Cost for **non-subscribers** is \$50. Checks **ONLY**. No invoicing and no credit cards...

CAMPAIGN '98: FONG CAMPAIGN REORGANIZES.

Editor's note: For some time now, GOP as well as neutral observers have seen signs that Matt Fong's U.S. Senate campaign was drifting along, without direction. Then on Nov. 24th, Fong announced that he and his lead consultant, McNally, Temple & Associates, had mutually agreed to part company. Here's our analysis...

...So what happens now? Sources say it will be up to Ron Rogers, a key and long time Fong advisor, to hire a replacement for Ray McNally & Richard Temple as media/lead consultants. The betting is that Rogers will name another Fong consultant, Wayne Johnson, or will go with Sal Russo. Both are from Sacto. Johnson was actually brought into the Fong campaign by McNally months ago. Johnson submitted his resignation to the Fong campaign after M-T departed, but the resignation was *refused*. So Johnson remains in an *undefined role* for now. Bob Moore is still aboard doing polling, but sources believe Moore's associate, Steve Kinney, will step back from fundraising. Elaine Franklin (a recent hire) remains as daily manager, along with 3 others...

...No sooner had the word gotten out that M-T and Fong had parted, than someone (unknown) FAXed out a phony Matt Fax news release to GOP and media insiders. It's funny stuff, *unless* you're McNally Temple or Fong. Here's a sample from the 1st & 3rd paragraphs. (We've corrected some of the misspellings)...

McNally Temple Fired!!!

Matt made a bold move in his campaign for the United States Senate today and fired his lead consultant McNally Temple & Associates. Fong has replaced McNally with former President George Bush, whose endorsement McNally had secured earlier this year...

...McNally had been spending many long and grueling hours working on Fong's behalf. Pumping out almost two faxes a month, many had speculated that McNally's firm was straining its brain power on the Fong account...

...Who is responsible? No one knows for sure, but there's been bad blood between Darrell Issa's campaign team and M-T/Fong for many months. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '98: CA COUNTY SHERIFFS ELECTIONS.

Editor's note: Here's another one of our periodic updates on County Sheriffs races in 1998...

☒ ***Seeking Reelection*** - San Joaquin Co. Sheriff Baxter Dunn and Monterey Co. Sheriff Norm Hicks...

☒ ***Not Seeking Reelection*** - Sutter Co. Sheriff Art Brandwood will not seek reelection, but instead plans to run for the 2nd AD seat now held by Tom Woods Jr.(R), who is retiring. Brandwood is a Republican...

...Brandwood thus becomes the 6th veteran sheriff who will not be seeking reelection. The others are Don McDonald of El Dorado, Glen Craig of Sacto, Larry Carpenter of Ventura, Oren R. Fox of Imperial and Brad Gates of Orange...

☒ ***L.A. Co. Sheriff's Race*** - Incumbent Sheriff Sherman Block will have at least one *serious* opponent next year: retired L.A. Co. Sheriff Division Chief William A. Baker, who lives in Rancho Palos Verdes and is currently an independent public safety consultant. Baker, who is Black, served with the LASD for 35 years and sources say the former Chief of Detectives is well liked and respected. Baker also happens to be attorney Johnny Cochran's brother-in-law. Sources say Baker has hired consultant Rick Taylor and fundraising pro Charlotte Dobbs, who has raised money for such law & order politicians as L.A. Co. DA Gil Garcetti and L.A. City Atty. Jim Hahn...

...FYI: Block has been endorsed for reelection by L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan. Stay tuned...

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CAMPAIGN '98: ODDS & ENDS FROM AROUND CALIF.

Editor's note: Here are some new polling results worth noting for *Campaign '98*...

☒ **Governor's Race** - Pollster Mervin Field has some new numbers in the governor's race. (Nov. 12-23, 696 registered voters). U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein(D) and AG Dan Lungren(R) are far out in front in the open primary, but what's important is that in the 1-on-1 battles between Lungren and his various Demo rivals, Lungren has solidified his GOP base. The only Demo who beats Lungren is DiFi: **46% vs. 42%**, with **12%** undecided. Lungren now defeats Lt. Gov. Gray Davis (D) by a **41% vs. 37%** margin. In previous Field polls, Davis was leading. Lungren also defeats Demo businessman Al Checchi by a **45% vs. 26%** margin. What does all this mean? With DiFi now the only Demo beating Lungren, pressure will *re-double* on her to get into the governor's race ASAP. And if she does, some insiders are betting that Davis runs for reelection...

☒ **U.S. Senate Race** - The new Field Poll shows U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer(D) leads all her GOP rivals in the open primary with **35%**. Her closest rival is Matt Fong with **14%**, followed by Darrell Issa at **6%** and Susan Golding at **5%**. That's right: Issa is now 2nd among the Republicans. In fact, compared to the June survey by Field, Golding has dropped 7 points. Not good news for the San Diego mayor. FYI: If 209 co-chair Ward Connerly is thrown into the GOP U.S. Senate open primary mix, he pulls **10%**, just behind Fong at **11%**, with Golding, Issa and U.S. Rep. Jerry Lewis all at **4%**...

...In 1-on-1 battles, Boxer holds a **43% vs. 38%** lead over Fong (no change from June's Field Poll); Boxer has a **45% vs. 34%** lead over Golding (Boxer up 1/Golding down 2); and Boxer leads Issa **48% vs. 31%** (Boxer & Issa both up by 3 pts., compared to June)...

☒ **Controller's Race** - Demo incumbent Kathleen Connell has released survey data from her polling consultant, The Feldman Group in DC, which shows Connell beating GOP Assemblyman Curt Pringle of Orange Co. by a **55% vs. 30%** margin, with **15%** undecided. The survey was taken Nov. 2-3, among 600 likely voters. Stay tuned...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● A sad note: Shirley Filiatrault, 75, long-time deputy to former BOE Member Dick Nevins, passed away recently. She served with Nevins from 1959-87. R.I.P...

● Congrats: to Hal Dash, president of Cerrell Associates, who on Dec. 7th marked 20 years with the L.A.-based govt. relations/pa/campaign mgt. firm...

● Sacto campaign consultant Wayne Johnson has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Intern'l Assn. of Political Consultants(IAPC)...

● Russell Lowery has joined the Sacto-base Bovee Co. as an AE...

● Kristen Stark of Lancaster is U.S. Rep. Buck McKeon's new Antelope Valley field rep...

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